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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH
COMPLIANCE WITH THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subdivision (6) of subsection (a) of section 10-262h of the
4 general statutes, as amended by section 23 of public act 03-6 of the June
5 30 special session, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
6 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2004*):

7 (6) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, and each fiscal year
8 thereafter, a grant in an amount equal to the amount of its target aid as
9 described in subdivision (32) of section 10-262f, as amended, except
10 that such amount shall be capped in accordance with the following:
11 (A) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 1996, June 30, 1997, June 30,
12 1998, and June 30, 1999, for each town, the maximum percentage
13 increase over its previous year's base revenue shall be the product of
14 five per cent and the ratio of the wealth of the town ranked one

15 hundred fifty-third when all towns are ranked in descending order to
16 each town's wealth, provided no town shall receive an increase greater
17 than five per cent. (B) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2000, June 30,
18 2001, June 30, 2002, June 30, 2003, and June 30, 2004, [and June 30,
19 2005,] for each town, the maximum percentage increase over its
20 previous year's base revenue shall be the product of six per cent and
21 the ratio of the wealth of the town ranked one hundred fifty-third
22 when all towns are ranked in descending order to each town's wealth,
23 provided no town shall receive an increase greater than six per cent.
24 (C) No such cap shall be used for the fiscal year ending June 30, [2006]
25 2005, or any fiscal year thereafter. (D) For the fiscal year ending June
26 30, 1996, for each town, the maximum percentage reduction from its
27 previous year's base revenue shall be equal to the product of three per
28 cent and the ratio of each town's wealth to the wealth of the town
29 ranked seventeenth when all towns are ranked in descending order,
30 provided no town's grant shall be reduced by more than three per cent.
31 (E) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 1997, June 30, 1998, and June 30,
32 1999, for each town, the maximum percentage reduction from its
33 previous year's base revenue shall be equal to the product of five per
34 cent and the ratio of each town's wealth to the wealth of the town
35 ranked seventeenth when all towns are ranked in descending order,
36 provided no town's grant shall be reduced by more than five per cent.
37 (F) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, and each fiscal year
38 thereafter, no town's grant shall be less than the grant it received for
39 the prior fiscal year. (G) For each fiscal year, [through] except for the
40 fiscal year ending June 30, [2003] 2004, in addition to the amount
41 determined pursuant to this subdivision, a town shall be eligible for a
42 density supplement if the density of the town is greater than the
43 average density of all towns in the state. The density supplement shall
44 be determined by multiplying the density aid ratio of the town by the
45 foundation level and the town's total need students for the prior fiscal
46 year provided, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, and each fiscal
47 year thereafter, no town's density supplement shall be less than the
48 density supplement such town received for the prior fiscal year. (H)
49 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, the grant determined in

50 accordance with this subdivision for a town ranked one to forty-two
51 when all towns are ranked in descending order according to town
52 wealth shall be further reduced by one and two-hundredths of a per
53 cent and such grant for all other towns shall be further reduced by
54 fifty-six-hundredths of a per cent. (I) For the fiscal year ending June 30,
55 1998, and each fiscal year thereafter, no town whose school district is a
56 priority school district shall receive a grant pursuant to this
57 subdivision in an amount that is less than the amount received under
58 such grant for the prior fiscal year. (J) For the fiscal year ending June
59 30, 2000, and each fiscal year through the fiscal year ending June 30,
60 2003, no town whose school district is a priority school district shall
61 receive a grant pursuant to this subdivision that provides an amount of
62 aid per resident student that is less than the amount of aid per resident
63 student provided under the grant received for the prior fiscal year. (K)
64 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, and each fiscal year thereafter,
65 no town whose school district is a priority school district shall receive a
66 grant pursuant to this subdivision in an amount that is less than
67 seventy per cent of the sum of (i) the product of a town's base aid ratio,
68 the foundation level and the town's total need students for the fiscal
69 year prior to the year in which the grant is to be paid, (ii) the product
70 of a town's supplemental aid ratio, the foundation level and the sum of
71 the portion of its total need students count described in subparagraphs
72 (B) and (C) of subdivision (25) of section 10-262f, as amended, for the
73 fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid, and
74 the adjustments to its resident student count described in subdivision
75 (22) of said section 10-262f, as amended, relative to length of school
76 year and summer school sessions, and (iii) the town's regional bonus.
77 (L) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, and each fiscal year
78 thereafter, no town whose school district is a transitional school district
79 shall receive a grant pursuant to this subdivision in an amount that is
80 less than forty per cent of the sum of (i) the product of a town's base
81 aid ratio, the foundation level and the town's total need students for
82 the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid,
83 (ii) the product of a town's supplemental aid ratio, the foundation level
84 and the sum of the portion of its total need students count described in

85 subparagraphs (B) and (C) of subdivision (25) of section 10-262f, as
86 amended, for the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the grant
87 is to be paid, and the adjustments to its resident student count
88 described in subdivision (22) of said section 10-262f, as amended,
89 relative to length of school year and summer school sessions, and (iii)
90 the town's regional bonus. (M) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002,
91 (i) each town whose target aid is capped pursuant to this subdivision
92 shall receive a grant that includes a pro rata share of twenty-five
93 million dollars based on the difference between its target aid and the
94 amount of the grant determined with the cap, and (ii) all towns shall
95 receive a grant that is at least 1.68 per cent greater than the grant they
96 received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001. (N) For the fiscal year
97 ending June 30, 2003, (i) each town whose target aid is capped
98 pursuant to this subdivision shall receive a pro rata share of fifty
99 million dollars based on the difference between its target aid and the
100 amount of the grant determined with the cap, and (ii) each town shall
101 receive a grant that is at least 1.2 per cent more than its base revenue,
102 as defined in subdivision (28) of section 10-262f, as amended. (O) For
103 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, each town shall receive a grant
104 that is at least equal to the grant it received for the prior fiscal year. (P)
105 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, (i) each town whose target aid
106 is capped pursuant to this subdivision shall receive a grant that
107 includes a pro rata share of fifty million dollars based on the difference
108 between its target aid and the amount of the grant determined with the
109 cap, (ii) each town's grant including the cap supplement shall be
110 reduced by three per cent, (iii) the towns of Bridgeport, Hartford and
111 New Haven shall each receive a grant that is equal to the grant such
112 towns received for the prior fiscal year plus one million dollars, (iv)
113 those towns described in clause (i) of this subparagraph shall receive a
114 grant that includes a pro rata share of three million dollars based on
115 the same pro rata basis as used in said clause (i), (v) towns whose
116 school districts are priority school districts pursuant to subsection (a)
117 of section 10-266p, as amended by this act, or transitional school
118 districts pursuant to section 10-263c or who are eligible for grants
119 under section 10-276a or 10-263d for the fiscal years ending June 30,

2002, to June 30, 2004, inclusive shall receive grants that are at least equal to the grants they received for the prior fiscal year, (vi) towns not receiving funds under clause (iii) of this subparagraph shall receive a pro rata share of any remaining funds based on their grant determined under this subparagraph. (Q) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, (i) no town shall receive a grant pursuant to this subparagraph in an amount that is less than sixty per cent of the amount determined pursuant to the previous subparagraphs of this subdivision, (ii) notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, each town shall receive a grant that is equal to the amount the town received for the prior fiscal year increased by twenty-three and twenty-seven hundredths per cent of the difference between the grant amount calculated pursuant to this subdivision and the amount the town received for the prior fiscal year, (iii) no town whose school district is a priority school district pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-266p, as amended by this act, shall receive a grant pursuant to this subdivision that is less than three hundred seventy dollars per resident student, and (iv) each town shall receive a grant [equal to] that is at least the greater of the amount of the grant it received for the [prior] fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, or the amount of the grant it received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, increased by seven hundredths per cent, except that the town of Winchester shall not receive less than its fixed entitlement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003.

Sec. 502. Section 10-16p of the general statutes, as amended by sections 15, 30 and 32 of public act 03-6 of the June 30 special session, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2004*):

(a) As used in sections 10-16o to 10-16r, inclusive, as amended, 10-16u, 17b-749a and 17b-749c:

(1) "School readiness program" means a nonsectarian program that (A) meets the standards set by the department pursuant to subsection (b) of this section and the requirements of section 10-16q, and (B) provides a developmentally appropriate learning experience of not less

153 than four hundred fifty hours and one hundred eighty days for eligible
154 children, provided, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1998, and June
155 30, 1999, the commissioner may approve programs that provide
156 learning experiences which are for less than said hours and days;

157 (2) "Eligible children" means children three and four years of age
158 and children five years of age who are not eligible to enroll in school
159 pursuant to section 10-15c, or who are eligible to enroll in school and
160 will attend a school readiness program pursuant to section 10-16t;

161 (3) "Priority school" means a school in which forty per cent or more
162 of the lunches served are served to students who are eligible for free or
163 reduced price lunches pursuant to federal law and regulations,
164 excluding such a school located in a priority school district pursuant to
165 section 10-266p, as amended by this act, or in a former priority school
166 district receiving a grant pursuant to subsection (c) of this section and,
167 on and after July 1, 2001, excluding such a school in a transitional
168 school district receiving a grant pursuant to section 10-16u;

169 (4) "Severe need school" means a school in a priority school district
170 pursuant to section 10-266p, as amended by this act, or in a former
171 priority school district in which forty per cent or more of the lunches
172 served are served to students who are eligible for free or reduced price
173 lunches;

174 (5) "Accredited" means accredited by the National Association for
175 the Education of Young Children, a Head Start on-site program review
176 instrument or a successor instrument pursuant to federal regulations,
177 or otherwise meeting such criteria as may be established by the
178 commissioner, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social
179 Services;

180 (6) "Approved" means meeting the criteria established by the
181 commissioner, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social
182 Services;

183 (7) "Year-round" means fifty weeks per year;

184 (8) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Education; and

185 (9) "Department" means the Department of Education.

186 (b) The Department of Education shall be the lead agency for school
187 readiness. For purposes of this section and section 10-16u, school
188 readiness program providers eligible for funding from the Department
189 of Education shall include local and regional boards of education,
190 regional educational service centers, family resource centers and
191 providers of child day care centers, as defined in section 19a-77, as
192 amended, Head Start programs, preschool programs and other
193 programs that meet such standards established by the Commissioner
194 of Education. The department shall establish standards for school
195 readiness programs. The standards may include, but need not be
196 limited to, guidelines for staff-child interactions, curriculum content,
197 including preliteracy development, lesson plans, parent involvement,
198 staff qualifications and training, and administration. The department
199 shall develop age-appropriate developmental skills and goals for
200 children attending such programs. The commissioner, in consultation
201 with the Commissioners of Higher Education and Social Services and
202 other appropriate entities, shall develop a continuing education
203 training program for the staff of school readiness programs. For
204 purposes of this section, on and after July 1, 2004, "staff qualifications"
205 means there is in each classroom an individual who has at least the
206 following: (1) A credential issued by an organization approved by the
207 Commissioner of Education and nine credits or more in early
208 childhood education or child development from an institution of
209 higher education accredited by the Board of Governors of Higher
210 Education or regionally accredited; (2) an associate's degree in early
211 childhood education or child development from such an institution; or
212 (3) a four-year degree in early childhood education or child
213 development from such an institution.

214 (c) The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the
215 Commissioner of Social Services, shall establish a grant program to
216 provide spaces in accredited or approved school readiness programs

217 for eligible children who reside in priority school districts pursuant to
218 section 10-266p, as amended by this act, or in former priority school
219 districts as provided in this subsection. Under the program, the grant
220 shall be provided, in accordance with this section, to the town in which
221 such priority school district or former priority school district is located.
222 Eligibility shall be determined for a five-year period based on an
223 applicant's designation as a priority school district for the initial year
224 of application, except that if a school district that receives a grant
225 pursuant to this subsection is no longer designated as a priority school
226 district at the end of such five-year period, such former priority school
227 district shall continue to be eligible to receive a grant pursuant to this
228 subsection. Grant awards shall be made annually contingent upon
229 available funding and a satisfactory annual evaluation. The chief
230 elected official of such town and the superintendent of schools for such
231 priority school district or former priority school district shall submit a
232 plan for the expenditure of grant funds and responses to the local
233 request for proposal process to the Departments of Education and
234 Social Services. The departments shall jointly review such plans and
235 shall each approve the portion of such plan within its jurisdiction for
236 funding. The plan shall: (1) Be developed in consultation with the local
237 or regional school readiness council established pursuant to section 10-
238 16r; (2) be based on a needs and resource assessment; (3) provide for
239 the issuance of requests for proposals for providers of accredited or
240 approved school readiness programs, provided, after the initial
241 requests for proposals, facilities that have been approved to operate a
242 child care program financed through the Connecticut Health and
243 Education Facilities Authority and have received a commitment for
244 debt service from the Department of Social Services pursuant to
245 section 17b-749i, are exempt from the requirement for issuance of
246 annual requests for proposals; and (4) identify the need for funding
247 pursuant to section 17b-749a in order to extend the hours and days of
248 operation of school readiness programs in order to provide child day
249 care services for children attending such programs.

250 (d) (1) The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the

251 Commissioner of Social Services, shall establish a competitive grant
252 program to provide spaces in accredited or approved school readiness
253 programs for eligible children who reside in an area served by a
254 priority school or a former priority school as provided for in
255 subdivision (2) of this subsection or in a town ranked one to twenty-
256 eight when all towns are ranked in ascending order according to town
257 wealth, as defined in subdivision (26) of section 10-262f, whose school
258 district is not a priority school district pursuant to section 10-266p, as
259 amended by this act. A town in which such a school is located or a
260 regional school readiness council, pursuant to subsection (c) of section
261 10-16r, for a region in which such a school is located may apply for
262 such a grant in an amount not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars
263 per priority school. Eligibility shall be determined for a five-year
264 period based on an applicant's designation as having a priority school
265 for the initial year of application. Grant awards shall be made annually
266 contingent upon available funding and a satisfactory annual
267 evaluation. The chief elected official of such town and the
268 superintendent of schools of the school district or the regional school
269 readiness council shall submit a plan, as described in subsection (c) of
270 this section, for the expenditure of such grant funds to the Department
271 of Education. In awarding grants pursuant to this subsection, the
272 commissioner shall give preference to applications submitted by
273 regional school readiness councils and may, within available
274 appropriations, provide a grant in excess of one hundred thousand
275 dollars to towns with two or more priority schools in such district. A
276 town or regional school readiness council awarded a grant pursuant to
277 this subsection shall use the funds to purchase spaces for such children
278 from providers of accredited or approved school readiness programs.

279 (2) (A) Commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, if a
280 town received a grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection for
281 a priority school and is no longer eligible to receive such a grant for
282 such school, the town may receive a phase-out grant for each of the
283 three fiscal years following the fiscal year such town received its final
284 grant for such school pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection.

285 The amount of such phase-out grants shall be determined in
286 accordance with subparagraph (B) of this subdivision.

287 (B) (i) For the first fiscal year following the fiscal year such town
288 received its final priority school grant for such school pursuant to
289 subdivision (1) of this subsection, in an amount that does not exceed
290 seventy-five per cent of the grant amount such town received for such
291 school for the school's final year of eligibility pursuant to subdivision
292 (1) of this subsection. (ii) For the second fiscal year following the fiscal
293 year such town received its final priority school grant for such school
294 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, in an amount that does
295 not exceed fifty per cent of the grant amount such town received for
296 such school for the school's final year of eligibility pursuant to
297 subdivision (1) of this subsection. (iii) For the third fiscal year
298 following the fiscal year such town received its final priority school
299 grant for such school pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, in
300 an amount that does not exceed twenty-five per cent of the grant
301 amount such town received for such school for the school's final year
302 of eligibility pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection.

303 (e) (1) Ninety-three per cent of the amount appropriated for
304 purposes of this section shall be used for the grant program pursuant
305 to subsection (c) of this section. Priority school districts and former
306 priority school districts shall receive grants based on their proportional
307 share of the sum of the products obtained by multiplying the average
308 number of enrolled kindergarten students in each priority school
309 district and in each former priority school district for the three years
310 prior to the year the grant is to be paid, by the ratio of the average
311 percentage of free and reduced price meals for all severe need schools
312 in such district to the minimum percentage requirement for severe
313 need school eligibility, provided no such school district shall receive a
314 grant that is less than the grant it received for the prior fiscal year or a
315 grant that is less than one hundred fifty thousand dollars.

316 (2) Six and five-tenths per cent of the amount appropriated for
317 purposes of this section shall be used for the competitive grant

318 program pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

319 (3) The Department of Education may retain up to five-tenths of one
320 per cent of the amount appropriated for purposes of this section for
321 coordination, program evaluation and administration.

322 (4) If a town that is eligible for a grant pursuant to subsection (c) of
323 this section does not submit, by January first, a plan which is
324 subsequently approved for the expenditure of the entire amount of
325 funds for which such town is eligible, the department may use up to
326 fifty per cent of any amounts such town has not earmarked for
327 expenditure to provide supplemental grants to other towns that are
328 eligible for grants pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

329 (f) Any school readiness program that receives funds pursuant to
330 this section or section 10-16u shall not discriminate on the basis of race,
331 color, national origin, gender, religion or disability. For purposes of
332 this section, a nonsectarian program means any public or private
333 school readiness program that is not violative of the Establishment
334 Clause of the Constitution of the State of Connecticut or the
335 Establishment Clause of the Constitution of the United States of
336 America.

337 (g) Subject to the provisions of this subsection, no funds received by
338 a town pursuant to subsection (c) or (d) of this section or section 10-
339 16u shall be used to supplant federal, state or local funding received by
340 such town for early childhood education, provided (1) a town may use
341 the greater of (A) twenty-five thousand dollars, or (B) up to five per
342 cent but no more than fifty thousand dollars of the amount received
343 pursuant to subsection (c) or (d) of this section or section 10-16u for
344 coordination, program evaluation and administration, and (2) if a town
345 provides twenty-five thousand dollars in local funding for early
346 childhood education coordination, program evaluation and
347 administration, such town may use up to ten per cent but no more
348 than seventy-five thousand dollars of such amount for coordination,
349 program evaluation and administration. Each town that receives a

350 grant pursuant to said subsection (c) or (d) or section 10-16u shall
351 designate a person to be responsible for such coordination, program
352 evaluation and administration and to act as a liaison between the town
353 and the Departments of Education and Social Services. Each school
354 readiness program that receives funds pursuant to this section or
355 section 10-16u shall provide information to the department or the
356 school readiness council, as requested, that is necessary for purposes of
357 any school readiness program evaluation.

358 (h) For the first three years a town receives grants pursuant to this
359 section, such grants may be used, with the approval of the
360 commissioner, to prepare a facility or staff for operating a school
361 readiness program and shall be adjusted based on the number of days
362 of operation of a school readiness program if a shorter term of
363 operation is approved by the commissioner.

364 (i) A town may use grant funds to purchase spaces for eligible
365 children who reside in such town at an accredited or approved school
366 readiness program located in another town. A regional school
367 readiness council may use grant funds to purchase spaces for eligible
368 children who reside in the region covered by the council at an
369 accredited or approved school readiness program located outside such
370 region.

371 (j) Children enrolled in school readiness programs funded pursuant
372 to this section shall not be counted (1) as resident students for
373 purposes of subdivision (22) of section 10-262f, as amended, or (2) in
374 the determination of average daily membership pursuant to
375 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 10-261, as amended.

376 [(k) Notwithstanding any provisions of this section, for the fiscal
377 year ending June 30, 2003, the amount available for the competitive
378 grant program shall be two million five hundred seventy-six thousand
379 five hundred eighty dollars and the maximum administrative amount
380 shall not be more than one hundred ninety-eight thousand one
381 hundred ninety-nine dollars. Notwithstanding the provisions of this

382 section, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, the amount available
383 for the competitive grant program shall be two million three hundred
384 nine thousand two hundred forty-nine dollars and the maximum
385 administrative amount shall not be more than one hundred ninety-
386 eight thousand one hundred ninety-nine dollars. Notwithstanding
387 the provisions of this section, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005,
388 the amount available for the competitive grant program shall be two
389 million three hundred eighteen thousand three hundred forty-nine
390 dollars and the maximum administrative amount shall not be more
391 than one hundred ninety-eight thousand one hundred ninety-nine
392 dollars.]

393 Sec. 503. Section 10-266p of the general statutes, as amended by
394 section 35 of public act of 03-76 and section 116 of public act 03-278, is
395 amended by adding subsection (e) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2004*):

396 (NEW) (e) In addition to the amounts allocated pursuant to
397 subsections (a), (c) and (d) of this section, for the fiscal year ending
398 June 30, 2005, and each fiscal year thereafter, the State Board of
399 Education shall allocate (1) one million five hundred thousand dollars
400 to the town which ranks one in population pursuant to subdivision (1)
401 of said subsection (a), (2) one million dollars to each town which ranks
402 from two to four, inclusive, in population pursuant to said subdivision
403 (1), (3) six hundred thousand dollars to the town which ranks five in
404 population pursuant to said subdivision (1), (4) five hundred thousand
405 dollars to each town which ranks from six to eight, inclusive, in
406 population pursuant to said subdivision (1), and (5) two hundred fifty
407 thousand dollars to each of the towns described in subdivisions (2) and
408 (3) of said subsection (a), except that the towns described in
409 subdivision (1) of said subsection (a) shall not receive any additional
410 allocation pursuant to subdivision (5) of this subsection if they are also
411 described in subdivision (2) or (3) of said subsection (a).

412 Sec. 504. (*Effective July 1, 2004*) (a) Any town with a population in
413 excess of fifty thousand, based on the most recent federal decennial
414 census, that received priority school district funds pursuant to

415 subsection (a) of section 10-276a of the general statutes for the fiscal
416 year ending June 30, 2004, shall receive two hundred thousand dollars
417 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005.

418 (b) Any town not described in subsection (a) of this section that
419 received priority school district funds pursuant to subsection (a) of
420 section 10-276a of the general statutes for the fiscal year ending June
421 30, 2004, shall receive one hundred thousand dollars for the fiscal year
422 ending June 30, 2005, in addition to the amount such town receives
423 pursuant to said section 10-276a.

424 Sec. 505. (*Effective July 1, 2004*) The sum of \$120,000 appropriated to
425 the Department of Higher Education, for the Loan
426 Reimbursement/Scholarship Account, for the fiscal year ending June
427 30, 2004, shall not lapse on June 30, 2004, and such funds shall be used
428 by the department for Personal Services for the fiscal year ending June
429 30, 2005.

430 Sec. 506. (*Effective July 1, 2004*) The unexpended balance of funds
431 appropriated to the Department of Education in section 1 of public act
432 03-1 of the June 30 special session for the Development of Mastery
433 Exams Grades 4, 6 and 8, shall not lapse on June 30, 2004, and such
434 funds shall continue to be available for expenditure for such purpose
435 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005.

436 Sec. 507. Subsection (c) of section 10-66ee of the general statutes, as
437 amended by section 14 of public act 03-6 of the June 30 special session,
438 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
439 *1, 2004*):

440 (c) (1) The state shall, annually, pay in accordance with this
441 subsection, to the fiscal authority for a state charter school, seven
442 thousand two hundred fifty dollars for each student enrolled in such
443 school. Such payments shall be made as follows: Twenty-five per cent
444 of the amount not later than July fifteenth and September fifteenth
445 based on estimated student enrollment on May first, and twenty-five
446 per cent of the amount not later than January fifteenth and the

447 remaining amount not later than April fifteenth, each based on student
448 enrollment on October first. If, for any fiscal year, the total amount
449 appropriated for grants pursuant to this subdivision exceeds seven
450 thousand two hundred fifty dollars per student, the amount of such
451 grants payable per student shall be increased proportionately. For the
452 fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, such increase shall be limited to one
453 hundred ten dollars per student. (2) In the case of a student identified
454 as requiring special education, the school district in which the student
455 resides shall: (A) Hold the planning and placement team meeting for
456 such student and shall invite representatives from the charter school to
457 participate in such meeting; and (B) pay the state charter school, on a
458 quarterly basis, an amount equal to the difference between the
459 reasonable cost of educating such student and the sum of the amount
460 received by the state charter school for such student pursuant to
461 subdivision (1) of this subsection and amounts received from other
462 state, federal, local or private sources calculated on a per pupil basis.
463 Such school district shall be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to
464 section 10-76g, as amended. The charter school a student requiring
465 special education attends shall be responsible for ensuring that such
466 student receives the services mandated by the student's individualized
467 education program whether such services are provided by the charter
468 school or by the school district in which the student resides.

469 Sec. 508. Section 29 of public act 03-6 of the June 30 special session is
470 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
471 *1, 2004*):

472 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, the distribution of priority
473 school district grants pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-266p of
474 the general statutes, as amended by this act, shall be as follows: (1) For
475 priority school districts in the amount of [\$20,336,250] \$28,986,250, (2)
476 for school readiness in the amount of [\$37,576,500] \$44,576,500, (3) for
477 early reading in the amount of [\$17,647,286] \$18,647,286, (4) for
478 extended school building hours in the amount of \$2,994,752, [and] (5)
479 for summer school in the amount of [\$2,599,699] \$3,499,699, and (6) for
480 school improvement in the amount of \$1,100,000.

481 Sec. 509. (*Effective July 1, 2004*) Notwithstanding subdivision (3) of
482 subsection (e) of section 10-16p of the general statutes, the Department
483 of Education may retain up to one hundred ninety-eight thousand two
484 hundred dollars of the amount appropriated for purposes of section
485 10-16p of the general statutes, as amended, for coordination, program
486 evaluation and administration.

487 Sec. 510. (*Effective July 1, 2004*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
488 section 10-66bb of the general statutes, as amended, the Amistad
489 Academy may increase enrollment up to three hundred students."